(d) whether such levies would ultimately trigger a cascading effect thereby making essential commodities dearer because of transportation cost involved?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) A proposal to enact a comprehensive legislation for unorganised workers and raising of funds required to meet the Government's contribution towards the cost of certain social security schemes for such workers is under active consideration of the Government.

(c) No decision on building up of strategic storage facility has been taken yet.

(d) Petroleum products are universal intermediates and any increase in their prices affect the other sectors of the economy.

National Commission on Labour

† 1801. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Commission on Labour during the year, 2003-04;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said Commission would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Loan to institutions from EPF

†1802. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loan is given to other institutions from Employees Provident Fund;

(b) if so, whether any policy have been formulated in this regard;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.